

Wilson himself upon the famous Wilson typewriter, and the five Cabinet members standing by.

The plain truth is that there hasn't been a convention in a score of years more "holistic" under boss control than this one is to be. And for what? To make a show of the question that is making most folks here neglect their meals. Does it mean Wilson himself, or is it a case of history repeating itself? "You'll take him or you'll take me," said the leader after the campaign manager, and it comes to the same result: The same in the back of the head of a crowd, mysterious, under the guidance of a distant and powerful hand. Half a dozen recent circumstances, every one reasonable enough and inherently probable enough in itself, but all tending toward a common end, have thrown people here into a state of shock and speculation as to the President's actual intentions and real ambitions, more distracting than has existed at any time in the last three years and a half.

Publicly the President and his cabinet members are at the logic of these central circumstances. Privately they admit alarm. And all the while there goes on under cover efforts to tighten the deadlock of candidates.

Scheme Hatched on Jackson Day.

At the Jackson Day dinner, when Bryan warned the party against making an issue of the League of Nations, a scheme was framed up to "put over" a Mitchell Palmer. The late Roger Sullivan was in it and so was Clark Howell of Georgia, E. F. Galt of Missouri and Fred B. Lynch of Minnesota. Administration leaders who were permitted to see Joe Tumulty and Dr. Grayson every now and then.

The President, it will be recalled, was entirely unimpaired in those days. Then Palmer had to take up the job of doing the rough work as Attorney General and simultaneously the McAdoo sentiment began to spread. Palmer was dropped. Now that McAdoo is out, or so they say, another effort is being made to give momentum to Palmer's candidacy and it is receiving the private approval of the Administration crowd.

The inside story here is that the Administration leaders intend to use Palmer to kill off Cox, precisely as they did in the case of the Republican Convention. The former will have more than 200 votes on the first ballot, probably between 225 and 250. The latter can count on perhaps 150.

Few persons here believe Palmer can be nominated. Few grasp the idea that it will be painful going for any one candidate to get two-thirds of the convention, which brings the question back to where it started. Somebody must be found, and to every one of the somebodies in sight the Administration crowd is finding an objection. Not one of the fifteen or sixteen favorite sons is a favorite among the set that is taking orders over the White House district.

Taggart Gets Murphy's Aid.

Thomas B. Marshall, the Vice-President, is popular pretty much everywhere except in this set, where members whisper that Marshall is a fine fellow, but not serious enough to give to Taggart and his friends. Marshall's able strength is in the hands of Tom Taggart, who is a candidate for Senator in Indiana against James E. Watson. Taggart figures that he could beat Watson if he could edgewise himself into the place of winning a Presidential nomination for Marshall. He has asked Murphy of New York to hold off a while and to give Marshall every opportunity of making friends. That will be done because Murphy has promised to hold back New York's line until every possibility vanishes of nominating Marshall.

The name of Ambassador Davis is more to the fore to-night than previously. In the whirl of rumors is the story that Davis is the President's real favorite, the intended man. On the other hand, one hears that Bainbridge Colby is the favorite and that Colby was made Secretary of State solely for the purpose of mitigating the shock.

Again, there is a Cummings chatter, based on the theory that if Woodrow Wilson doesn't want the nomination for himself he would like to see his big, affable chairman get it. And so it goes. There is no reason on earth why a farmer should spend \$25,000 buying, as one did in Minnesota the other day, the commodity is a lot cheaper here. As regards other candidates, actual or prospective, there is as yet only the mildest of interest. The tension, however, is slowly increasing.

'JIM HAM' OFFERS PLATFORM PROPHECY

Ex-Senator Starts for Coast With Own Boom.

SPECIAL TO THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

CHICAGO, June 21.—James Hamilton Lewis, former United States Senator for Illinois and candidate for Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination, announced today the platform he will urge "in my own behalf as well as upon the convention for the democracy." He left tonight for San Francisco.

"At San Francisco we must do things for our people at home," he said. "If the democracy will not do things for the people the people will do things to the democracy."

Mr. Lewis's platform declared in favor of the Government taking the railways, waterways, telegraph lines, oil and coal lands from private monopoly and assuring control for the people, leaving the method of operation by private or public agency as the condition of each concern may warrant.

DEMOCRATS SUED BY LOSERS IN PRIMARY

District of Columbia Leaders Asked to Account for Cash.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—William V. Mahoney and Miss Cora Leonard Thomas, unsuccessful candidates for places on the District of Columbia delegation to the Democratic National Convention, filed suit today in the District Supreme Court against Judge Robert E. Mattingly, president; John P. Colpoys, secretary, and fifteen other members of the Democratic Central Committee of the district.

The plaintiffs ask an accounting of funds handled by the Central Committee and demand pro rata reimbursement for all candidates in the recent Democratic primary to the extent of the difference between deposits made by the candidates, which are estimated in the complaint at \$4,223, and the cost of the primary, which is placed at not more than \$150.

Charges of irregularities in the conduct of the recent primary, at which eight delegates were chosen to represent the district at San Francisco, are contained in the complaint. Mahoney and Miss Thomas aver that the official ballots were not numbered and were not counted at the polling places, but were returned to the headquarters of the Central Committee for tabulation. It is charged that ballots were transferred by unattended judges and clerks who, it is alleged, were selected by the defendants.

DENIES U. S. IS BOUND TO WILSON'S LEAGUE

William F. McCombs to Fight White House Domination of Democratic Convention.

HOME NEEDS COME FIRST

Former National Chairman Goes to Frisco to Block Treaty Plank Move.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Sun and New York Herald.

CHICAGO, June 21.—The indignities of autonomy never again will be accepted by this nation, declared William F. McCombs, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in a statement here tonight.

Credited with having done more than any other single individual to obtain the nomination for President Wilson at Baltimore in 1912, McCombs is now on his way to San Francisco to try to prevent the domination of the National Convention by the White House. He will vigorously oppose the proposition that America is bound to accept the League of Nations as a condition of peace in Europe, simply because the President conceived the idea that he was empowered to give this country's pledge to that end.

Mr. McCombs believes the Democratic party should devote itself in its platform to our domestic problems in the settlement of which "we need not be befuddled by the quarrels of Europe."

"When the great war broke out in 1914, natural America was more or less dazed," said Mr. McCombs. "and was willing to accept any kind of leadership which might draw it through a possible difficulty. In this moment of crisis the Executive again repeated that he was the leader of his party, a conviction therefore never entertained by any American."

When Autocracy Arrived.

"As well might the Chief Justice of the United States, Mr. White, a Democrat, have made the same proclamation, so might the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Champ Clark, a Republican, have done so. Mr. Marshall, Constitutional President of the Senate, but America was concerned with great issues and paid no attention to what appeared to be a detail."

"It was in such manner that for the first time in the history of this country autocracy came into being. It was an autocracy which was questioned, but which was accepted by virtue of necessity. But this country hour has passed, and at San Francisco we again return to true democracy regardless of place holders and politeness. We have finished with fine phrase. This country is determined to act in accordance with the failing sense of justice. The indignities of autonomy never again will be accepted by this nation. This is fundamental and no confusion will be brought about by diplomatic or financial machinations."

"The party at San Francisco will be honest with itself. The underlying principles which justify the existence of the Democratic party—the principles of liberty, justice and equality—will prevail."

"Personally I have but one thought in this situation. I want to see our problems faced fairly, honestly and efficiently. And I have perfect confidence."

On the question of the League of Nations covenant Mr. McCombs in effect charged the President with having used "smoke screen" methods both here and in Europe.

America Is Not Pledged.

"They tell me America has pledged its word to Europe," declared the former friend of President Wilson, "and that this word must be redeemed in the process of a national campaign. In my belief America has pledged itself to nothing. One individual, speaking as such, pledged Europe to believe that he spoke for America. But he had no authority to speak for a nation, for in the last analysis he was nothing more than a self-appointed emissary. Nevertheless America is asked to validate this signature affixed abroad, a signature which apparently was accepted in good faith by all the European peoples as absolute."

"I said some weeks ago in an interview that there was only one way in which to settle finally and constitutionally the question of the treaty and covenants made at Versailles, or for that matter any other treaty in so far as it affects this country. The President negotiates a treaty, but the Senate may or may not concur by two-thirds majority. In this particular instance there has been no concurrence."

"Other nations may want a League of Nations, and it may be we do. But we do not want to commit ourselves to the League of Nations as it was brought back from Paris. It is an international issue, but it is a highly debatable question as to what importance it should have in a national campaign. Ultimately it is a question for the President and the Senate to settle."

"As I say, the treaty making power is not relegated to one department of our Government. I will leave this question by saying that it is futile to create a smoke screen in Europe by saying what this country wants, and on the other hand it is futile to try to create a smoke screen here by saying what in honor we must do."

"Before we can commit ourselves to taking part in the rehabilitation of Europe we must first reconstruct ourselves. America desires a chance to settle down and pursue its destiny. The country wants peace and plenty of it, and by restoring her equilibrium she helps to restore the equilibrium of the world."

HEALTH A BAR TO THIRD TERM

Shouse Says Wilson's Nomination Is Impossibility.

KANSAS CITY, June 21.—President Wilson's nomination for a third term was declared to be an impossibility, because of the condition of the President's health, in an interview given out by Joseph Shouse, Third Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury.

"No real friend of the President regards his nomination as a possibility," said Mr. Shouse, who is on his way to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. "If he had had the strength and vigor he had in 1918, his nomination for a third term might be considered a probability. But his friends know he is not in good health."

"There was not the slightest confusion between the statement of President Wilson Friday morning and the withdrawal of McAdoo Friday afternoon."

Hat Checker Loses Tip.

CHICAGO, June 21.—Frank Lloyd, a hat checker, who sued a Chicago hotel for \$5,000, alleging that he had turned more than \$2,000 in tips over to the hotel in less than two years, lost his case today, when Judge Joseph B. David ruled for the defendant. The judge said there was no law under which he could decide for the plaintiff.

TAMMANY DELEGATE DISPUTES GEOLOGY

Insists Colorado River Didn't Carve the Canyon.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Sun and New York Herald.

GRAND CANYON, ARIZ., June 21.—Politics was forgotten today by the Tammany delegation while everybody viewed the marvelous "hole in the ground" of James J. Hagen, leader of the Seventh Assembly District, was informed by a guide that the canyon which at this point is fifteen miles wide and nearly a mile deep was cut out during countless ages by the Colorado River flowing like a ribbon at its bottom. He frankly said he did not believe it.

"I don't know what did it," said Mr. Hagen. "I've never had an earthquake or something but it stands to reason that a little stream could not have made this big hole." Mr. Hagen refused to change his mind even after he was informed that the rushing water poured three hundred feet wide and in the past had been many times larger.

There was another lively topic of discussion among the male members of the party to-day after five hours of politics in the club car last night, when one man turned up with three aces and another with two. Representative Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall, presided while an informal court of inquiry was held. It was unanimously decided that the porter or the man who made the cards was to blame, but the losers are wondering where they got off.

The Tammany speech left here at 7:45 P. M. for Riverside and Los Angeles. It will reach the latter place about 9 P. M. to-morrow and will stop there two days.

G. O. P. TO NAME FULL TICKET IN SARATOGA

Glynn Finds Sentiment Practically Unanimous for Old Fashioned Convention.

Designation of a straight ticket by a State convention of the Republican party is favored by practically all of the county leaders and a full set of candidates will be recommended at the organization gathering to be held in Saratoga the latter part of July. The ticket thus chosen will be presented to the voters in the "direct primaries."

Any aspirant for office will have to fight the entire State organization unless there is a bolt in the convention.

George A. Glynn, chairman of the State committee, returned yesterday from a trip through the State. He sounded party sentiment on the question of having the convention pick the ticket. The State committee will meet to-morrow and fix Saratoga as the place and July 22 or 23 as the date for the meeting.

"It will be an old fashioned, open convention, and all candidates will be welcomed," Mr. Glynn said. "There are thirteen candidates in the field and they will have an even chance."

Bitter Conflict Expected.

This announcement provokes the most bitter partisan conflict the State organization has known in a dozen or more years. The organization is torn by a hard factional fight. William Barnes is striving for control, and has the support of James W. Wadsworth, Jr., United States Senator.

The anti-Barnes faction is stronger just at present. George W. Aldridge of Rochester, William M. Ward of Westchester and Fred Greiner of Buffalo, most powerful of the leaders in the up-State group, are against Barnes' "come back" at all costs. The county organizations in New York are not a unit and may enter combinations to serve their own candidates best.

Barnes' opponents appear to have no fixed programme. Brooklyn is for Eugene M. Travis for Governor, and is said to be ready to make a trade with the Barnes faction. The up-State leaders appear to be badly frightened. There is every indication that the two main factions in the organization are getting ready for a final fight.

Jacob A. Livingston, Brooklyn leader, with the backing of William M. Calder, United States Senator, served notice last week that the Kings county men opposed having a State convention pick a ticket. Francis M. Hugo has warned the leadership that the promises going into the primaries in opposition to any designated ticket the convention might select.

Majority Favors Convention.

Mr. Glynn reported yesterday that Jefferson county, where Mr. Hugo resides, is alone in the up-State section in opposing a designating convention. It is reported however, that Mr. Hugo is reconsidering his challenge to the organization. It is understood he will take his fight to the Saratoga convention, and if beaten there will retire from the primaries. What stand Brooklyn will take will be made clear in the State Committee meeting to-morrow.

The choice for first place on the State ticket still lies between Nathan I. Miller of Syracuse and Bertrand H. Snell, representative in Congress from St. Lawrence county. The latter is not a candidate, but his nomination might satisfy the opposing factions.

The last three State conventions were called by the Whittier organization, and for years before that Barnes was master of the State party. This is the first time for more than ten years that the two main factions in the State have come to grips.

SINGLE TAXERS TO CONVENT.

They May Participate in the Third Party Movement.

The Single Tax party is preparing to hold a national convention in Chicago when the boomers of the third party and labor men are assembled there. The single taxers may participate in the new party movement, and seek to carry their issue into national politics. The party now has a national organization and is strong in several States.

The single taxers heretofore have acted with the Democratic party. If they do not approve of the principles and candidates of the third party, the single taxers will nominate a national ticket of their own.

MADDOO ON HIS WITHDRAWAL.

Says It Had No Connection With Wilson Interview.

William G. McAdoo, in a statement here to-night, declared his recent announcement that he would not permit his name to be presented for the Democratic Presidential nomination, had no relation to the political interview with President Wilson published the day before.

He declared he knew nothing of the interview until he saw it in print, and that the President knew nothing of his withdrawal until after notice of it appeared in the newspapers.

HARRISON BECOMES CANDIDATE NO. 15

Governor-General of Philippines Enters Democratic 'Free-for-All.'

DAVIS MEN ARRIVE

San Francisco Begins to Feel the Influx of Pilgrims and Campaigners.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Sun and New York Herald.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—A Presidential boom from the islands of the seas came in through the Golden Gate today. Francis Burton Harrison of New York, now Governor-General of the Philippines, is a candidate. His indorsement, stamped by the Democratic convention of the archipelago, was brought into port by Robert Manley, "rice king" of the Pacific and a member of the Democratic National Committee.

News that Manley was looking for a speaker to place Harrison in nomination caused numerous men with large Adam's apples and elastic nostrils to tag him to their room in the Palace Hotel, where he looked himself in.

Harrison's advent brings the number of announced candidates up to fifteen, but the only headquarters formally opened thus far are those of Palmer and Edwards. The Palmer managers have the advantage of a show window on Powell street adorned with a large vase of flowers, which are changed each morning, as well as with pictures of the Attorney-General at his handsomeness.

The Edwards proponents, in order to offset this have open air movies in Market street. They show the Governor making speeches and signing the New Jersey beer bill. In order not to discount such delegates as believe he is an earnest practitioner of "personal liberty" there is no mention of the fact that he has not taken a drink for thirty years. Malcolm Roy, Edwards' advance man, is a teetotaler.

The boom for John W. Davis, Ambassador to the Court of St. James, arrived to-day in charge of the national manager, Stephen G. Jackson of the Ambassador's home town, Clarkburg, W. Va. His assistants are also West Virginians—Ray Garvin and Clifford R. Snider of Clarkburg and Charles E. S. Hodges of Morgantown. The moment they got here a San Francisco newspaper suggested that the sponsor for Davis was Col. E. M. House. This Jackson denied. He said the boom was a spontaneous movement, originating in West Virginia and that the Ambassador had given his assent to it through the State Committee.

On this the seventh day before the opening of the convention San Francisco for the first time began to feel the presence of outsiders. Hotel corridors and public strolling places are filling as trainloads and boatloads of pilgrims are dumped on the peninsula. Outside the busy planners of the National Committee, the button distribu-

California Collegians to Be Democratic Ushers

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Thirty girl students and 100 men students divided equally between the University of California and Stanford University, were notified to-day of their selection as ushers at the Democratic National Convention. The girl ushers will show the women delegates to their seats.

Foggy nights and mornings and windy days are driving the Easterners, identified until now by their straw hats, to the hat stores and realization of the reason why the felt is the year around covering of the San Franciscan. The midday temperature, above 50 two days ago, is now in the late 60s.

The party's headlines, outside the National Committee men, most of whom have been here some time, will begin to be heard to-morrow. Vice-President Marshall is expected up from Delmonte, where he has been getting a detached view and Tom Taggart from French Lick, Franklin K. Lane, ex-Secretary of the Interior, will come from Los Angeles with the oil man for whose interests he is now counsel. E. L. Doheny, Attorney General Palmer and Bainbridge Colby are expected on Friday. Gov. Spahr and Charles F. Murphy of New York are expected Thursday and the rest of Tammany on its special train Friday. The word is that Joseph Daniels will not arrive until Sunday. J. Hamilton Lewis, whose aureole all California awaits on tiptoe, should be here Wednesday or Thursday.

The best guess on the mysterious Mr. Bryan is that he will be seen on Saturday, ready to jump if need be. He will address a public meeting on Sunday. His free and non-political, the "Seven Leagues," having no relation to candidates.

LOS ANGELES QUAKE DAMAGES BUILDINGS

Office Occupants Flee to Streets in Panic.

LOS ANGELES, June 21.—An earthquake shook the city at 6:47 P. M.

Several buildings were reported to have been slightly damaged. Bricks falling from a building at Sixth street and Grand avenue injured a pedestrian.

Office buildings were shaken so severely that many of their occupants fled to the streets.

The shock was felt in Long Beach, San Pedro, Santa Monica and Redondo Beach, according to reports to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Whittier, Covina and other inland points reported they had not noticed the shock.

Officials of the Fire and Public Works departments half an hour after the shock said no serious damage had been reported. Several cracks were made in the walls of the city jail.

Electric lights and gas connections of the town of Inglewood, ten miles southwest of Los Angeles, were cut off by the earthquake.

A despatch from Los Angeles published last Saturday morning said the downtown buildings of that city had been shaken by a slight earthquake at 2:15 on Friday morning. No damage was reported.

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